

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of producing stable transgenic expression in a genetically-modified *Compositae* plant which comprises transforming ~~the plant, said a~~ plant selected from ~~[[a]] the group of *Compositae* plants,~~ consisting of sunflower and lettuce, with a DNA construct ~~including a DNA sequence to express~~ for expressing an RNA in the plant under the control of the actin2 (ACT2) gene promoter derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana*, wherein the RNA is stably expressed in the progeny of the plant.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the ACT2 gene promoter has the sequence shown in Seq. ID. No. 1.

4. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the RNA to be expressed in the plant codes for the production of a heterologous protein.

5. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the RNA to be expressed in the plant codes for the production of a homologous protein.

6. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the RNA to be expressed in the plant inhibits the production of a homologous protein.

7. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 6 in which the RNA to be expressed in the plant is antisense to DNA coding for said homologous protein.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A genetically-modified *Compositae* plant produced by the process of claim 1, said plant formed of plant cells, ~~[[said]]~~ at least some of said plant cells comprising ~~[[a]] the~~ DNA construct ~~including a DNA sequence to express RNA in the plant under the control of the actin2 (ACT2) gene promoter.~~

10. (Currently amended) A plant [[cell]] as claimed in claim 9 wherein ~~said DNA sequence expresses~~ RNA [[that]] produces a recombinant heterologous protein in the cell.

11. (Currently amended) A plant [[cell]] as claimed in claim 10 in which the heterologous protein is an insecticidal, fungicidal or antiviral protein or one conferring herbicide resistance.

12. (Currently amended) A plant [[cell]] as claimed in claim 11 wherein the DNA construct includes the oxox gene.

13. (Currently amended) A plant [[cell]] as claimed in claim 9 wherein ~~said DNA sequence expresses~~ RNA [[that]] produces recombinant homologous protein in the cell.

14. (Currently amended) A plant [[cell]] as claimed in claim 9 wherein ~~said DNA sequence expresses that~~ RNA inhibits the production of a homologous protein.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the DNA construct comprises a ~~DNA sequence to express RNA in a plant under the control of the actin2 (ACT2) gene promoter, the DNA sequence comprising~~ the gus gene or the oxox gene.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A Plants plant as claimed in ~~claim 17~~ claim 9 which are wherein the plant is a lettuce.

19. (Currently amended) A Plants plant as claimed in ~~claim 17~~ claim 9 which are wherein the plant is a sunflower.

20. (Currently amended) A plant as claimed in ~~claim 17~~ claim 9 which expresses the oxox gene and is resistant to sclerotinia.

21. (Currently amended) A plant as claimed in ~~claim 17~~ claim 9 which expresses a ~~heterologous~~ heterologous gene conferring herbicide resistance.